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SUBJECT: BASQUE STV CONGRESS OCTOBER 30-31, 1976

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1. ALEX AGIRREZABAL, STV (SOLIDARITY OF BASQUE WORKERS)
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, MET WITH LABATT IN MADRID ON
OCTOBER 20 TO DISCUSS THE COMING STV CONGRESS AND TO EXTEND
AND INVITATION (ACCEPTED) TO ATTEND SAME. HE INFORMED
US THAT THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF THE BASQUE PROVINCE OF
GUIPUZCOA HAD THE DAY BEFORE AGREED ON EIBAR AS THE SITE
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FOR THE CONGRESS. ALTHOUGH GOVT SECURITY AND CONTROL PROCEDURES

IN GUIPUZCOA WERE CURRENTLY VERY TIGHT AND EXTENSIVE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE RECENT ETA ASSASSINATIONS, AGIRREZABAL DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD CONSTITUTE MORE THAN AN INCONVENIENCE TO STV DELEGATES, OBSERVERS AND THE INVITED FOREIGN GUESTS.

2. UP TO NOW, THE STV LEADER NOTED, SOME 20 FOREIGN LABOR GUESTS HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD ATTEND, INCLUDING MIKE BOGGS (AFL-CIO) AND AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT GLENN WATTS (PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA). HE HOPED THAT IMF SECGEN HERMAN REBHAN (UAW) MIGHT ALSO COME. FINALLY, AGIRREZABAL TOLD US THAT THE STV HAD ALSO EXTENDED A FRATERNAL INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIALIST UGT, CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WORKERS' COMMISSIONS, ANARCHO-SYNDICAL CNT, AND THE CATALONIAN SOC (SOLIDARITY OF CATALONIAN WORKERS). STABLER

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